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"THIS IS THE PLACE" MONUMENT STANDS PROUDLY AS THE CENTERPIECE IN THE AREA WHICH CONTAINS THE SUP HEADQUARTERS SITE.

This Issue:  
ROOTS OF THE TAYLORSVILLE—BENNION AREA  
NEW LOCATIONS FOR R.R. MUSEUM & SUP HEADQUARTERS?  
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President W. Phil Robbins

Time passes rapidly, and as we watch Christmas and the Old Year slip quickly behind us, the challenges of the New Year engulf us in an awesome and seemingly never ending flow of problems and opportunities.

1978 has been a good year for SUP. The rapidly expanding membership which has become evident since August when more than 85 members travelled to Illinois to welcome 65 new members into the organization, and 66 new members were welcomed in a new chapter at Canyon Rim in Salt Lake City, the interest in Chapter and National activities, the willingness, yes even eagerness to serve in offices and on committees, is new

evidence of fading apathy, and new life at both Chapter and National levels.

The improved, nearly assured prospects of building our new home this year on a lot at the "This-is-the-Place" monument park location at the mouth of Emigration Canyon, the moving of our Railroad Museum to a new and better location in Heber, Utah, where tens-of-thousands, perhaps hundreds-of-thousands of people will have the opportunity of visiting it instead of a few hundred a year as has been the case during the past few years; the advent of a new endeavor, that of celebrating and commemorating the world's greatest and most adventurous emigrant movement in history, by jointly sponsoring, with the *Deseret News*, a Nauvoo to Salt Lake City marathon run; the celebration and commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the "Hole-in-the-Rock Expedition" by holding our annual encampment at Escalante, the point-of-origin of the Expedition; the thrills

and adventure of the second annual River-trip on the grand Colorado River, probably in August, all lend to an air of excitement and progress.

As this edition goes to press, the annual Officers' Seminar will be offering training opportunities to the newly seated Chapter and National Officers with the anticipation of better Chapter and National programs and activities, guided by better trained leaders with more and better ideas.

Again I would like to express my sincere thanks and commendation to the members and officers for the excellent and much appreciated interest and activity expressed in all of the programs, past, present and future, and again challenge each member to bring a friend or relative into the finest historical, educational and social organization in the world.

I send my love to each and every member and his wife, and hope I will have the opportunity to meet and greet each one of you personally during the next few months.

## Areas to be featured in the 1979 Pioneer Magazine

The reports which the chapters have sent into the magazine are appreciated.

Areas have been selected to be featured in each issue. The chapter concerned should see that they send in special articles during the month previous to publication. They should also include photos (black and white, preferably). Also arrange for advertising of your local merchants.

Now this does not exclude other chapters from sending in articles and reports, as usual. We need news from all of you, but will emphasize those listed as follows.

During 1979 *The Pioneer* will feature the following groups, as recommended by John J. Nielsen, national executive secretary: January-February: Taylorsville - Bennion;

# The President's Message



## New Book For SUP Library

Dr. Oliver R. Smith, past national president, presented a new book on pioneer life to the SUP board.

It records the history of an 1847 pioneer and his subsequent missions to settle Parowan, Utah and later in Snowflake, Arizona. The title of the publication is *The Family of Jesse N. Smith*.

Dr. Smith was co-author of the history which includes the genealogy of the nearly 8,000 descendants of Jesse N. Smith.

March - April: S.L.C. Pioneer; May - June: S.L.C. Luncheon, - Days of '47 July - August: Escalante. September - October: Canyon Rim/Heritage; November - December: South Davis.

Articles and stories for publication should be mailed to Marvin E. Smith, editor, at 1665 Atkin Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106.

## Tax Deductible Donations Already Coming in to SUP

Congratulations to Lanell N. Lunt, Cedar City, and Joseph V. Clark of Salt Lake for being the earliest members to respond to President Phil Robbins' plea for donations.

In the Nov.-Dec. 1978 *Pioneer* members were invited to serve a good cause by making tax-exempt contributions to the National SUP office to apply to the acquisition of a new home for national headquarters, or to pay for landmark plaques, or to assist in meeting the costs of the headquarters operating fund. The choice and the opportunity to serve an important cause belongs to every member.

This cooperation is appreciated.

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 Special Meet Feb 2

# SEMINAR PROVES TO BE INFORMATIVE



Ken and Min Wiseman

Chapter officers met January 13 with the national board to study more effective methods of administration and to learn about the exciting progress of major projects, it was reported by W. Phil Robbins, national president of the SUP.

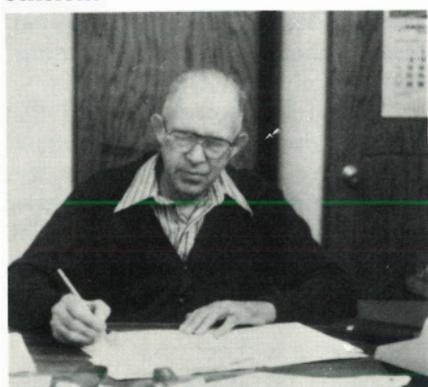
Among the 150 attending the gathering in Salt Lake City were two representatives from Sacramento: Dr. Evan Perkins and Cap Hacken. These men traveled the furthest to be in attendance. It was nice to see Joy Dunyon again after his serious illness last year. He was accompanied by his wife Eileen.

President W. Phil Robbins told of the coming Nauvoo to Salt Lake City relay which is jointly sponsored by the *Deseret News* and the SUP. He also told of a

President-elect Ken Wiseman and his good wife Min were in charge of arrangements for the Seminar, the ladies special entertainment, the banquet with its decorations, quartet, and special speaker, Henry Peterson of the Church Welfare department. And it couldn't have been done better.

Ken also reviewed the prospects for the 1979 Encampment at Escalante, which made us all want to be in attendance next September.

Chairman Art Wiscomb of the Life Membership committee reported that 340 men now belonged to that echelon.



Busy Exec-Secy John J. Nielsen contributed much toward the success of the Officers Seminar.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Place:** SUP office, 3357 So. 2300 E.,  
 Salt Lake City

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. February 27, 1979

**Purpose:** to give opportunity to the general membership to further ratify:

- a. The transfer of the R.R. Museum to Heber City to the State Park.
- b. The construction of SUP headquarters building at *This is the Place* park.



The "New Home" committee: l to r: Sidney Horman, Pres. Phil Robbins, Ken Wiseman, Chairman Adolph Johnson and John J. Nielsen.

## NEW HEADQUARTERS COMES INTO VIEW

### NEW HEADQUARTERS IN FOCUS

Chairman Adolph Johnson of the New Home committee told about a dream come true. After serving on the committee for five years trying to find the right location, the State Parks department offered a building site near the road at *This is the Place Monument*.

In consideration of the fact that SUP will construct an 8800 square foot building and deed it to the Parks department, the State will maintain the structure and premises. SUP will have full management of the building and chapters may make arrangements to use the facilities.

Construction costs will be met by using the funds received from the sale of Pioneer Village to Lagoon, from further tax-exempt donations, and from donated labor.

Adolph Johnson announced that Sidney Horman will be the contractor and give his services without fee. He further offered to supply flagstone from his quarry. President Phil Robbins has agreed to see that the electrical work is donated. Architects Glen Lloyd and Stephen Baird are also serving without cost.

Chapter presidents were requested to survey their groups and report on how many men would be willing to donate labor during the construction.

The following types of labor are needed: carpenters, iron workers, plumbers, brick masons, electricians, window glaziers, cabinet makers, and painters.

Adolph reported SUP's appreciation for Horace and Ethel Sorensen, without whose generosity a new headquarters would not have been possible. He also acknowledged the services of former committee members such as Dr. Orson D. Wright, Joy Dunyon and Pres. John A. Shaw.

Present committee members besides the Chairman include Sidney Horman, Phil Robbins, Ken Wiseman, John J. Nielsen, Glen Lloyd and Stephen Baird.

SUP congratulated this committee for finding an ideal new home site and ratified the report.

### SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Tippets of the State Parks department invites all to attend a meeting at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the State Office Building on Feb. 2, 1979. The purpose is to let the public know how the State plans to develop *This is the Place* monument area. They will also include the proposed SUP building and will permit public questions or comments. Pres. Robbins encourages local SUP members to attend.

## Gift Memberships and Subscriptions Win Favor

At the annual Christmas meeting and dinner of the national board SUP held Dec. 12, 1978, a gift subscription card was initiated to promote *The Pioneer* magazine and membership expansion for 1979.

This initial announcement by the Executive Secretary resulted in sixteen subscriptions for the magazine and eleven memberships for 1979. The national office mailed gift subscription cards to the new subscribers and to the new SUP members.

This method was outlined at the 1979 Seminar for all chapter officers on January 13.

A mini sample of the 4 x 5 inch gift card is shown.

Present members can now encourage their kin and friends to become members of this outstanding pioneer organization by mailing their checks along with an application form, giving the name of the new prospective member.

Rates: *The Pioneer* magazine: \$5.00 for one year.

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John A. Shaw was appointed as national vice president to serve part of Weber County until next election in September.

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# TAYLORSVILLE - BENNION AREA HAS DEEP PIONEER ROOTS

Again we would like to share with you what the Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter is doing and some of the activities of our pioneers that have made Taylorsville, Bennion and Granger a nice place in which to rear a family.

The majority of us who make up our chapter are old enough and who have contributed enough in the past, are eligible to be called pioneer builders of this generation. Books could be written relative to the accomplishments, the untiring unselfish devotion and service each of our members have contributed to make our community what it is.

We thrill with and are inspired by the wonderful programs our executive committee plan and put on for us, say nothing of the sumptuous and delicious meals prepared and catered by Betty Wright and Associates.

In this edition of our magazine I would like to submit a picture of two of our oldest and most faithful pioneer parents. Standing on either side of the old English Fort Monument are Gene and Hazel Paxton, 91 and 93 years old respectively. I quote briefly from a statement submitted by their son Lester Paxton:

## EDUCATION-TAYLORSVILLE TRADITION

"From the beginning, Mormons have always believed that the Glory of God is Intelligence. President Brigham Young sent John Taylor across the river to begin a settlement. The city was getting too crowded.

In the order of Church doctrine, school was begun immediately in the homes of the Saints. The community was named *Taylorsville* after the man *John Taylor* who came to settle. A school building was needed desperately as the area population grew. The first school building was erected on top of the hill at the corner of what is now 1175 West and 4800 South.

Robert Pixton, Hazel Paxton's grandfather, owned the entire section

where the school was built and gladly donated the land for the school. The school was built approximately 1880. Gene and Hazel were students in that school. It was used for 25 years at



Hazel and Gene Paxton, ages 91 and 93, stand beside the old English Fort.

## Congratulations to Lagoon

*The Pioneer* magazine salutes Eldred G. Smith, SUP Chaplain and Patriarch to the L.D.S. Church, for proposing to Lagoon that it discontinue the sale of beer at its beautiful park. He suggested that this action could make the area even more attractive for family outings.

We also commend the Lagoon management and Board for their compliance, cooperation and desire to make their park meet the high standards that will be respected by all discriminating families and communities.

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which time the 38th District Plymouth school (which still stands on the corner of 4800 South and Redwood Road) was erected in 1906. That land, also, was originally owned by Robert Pixton. His grandson, Bert Pixton, owned the land at that time and sold the property to the Granite School District."

### NELLIE BENNION (100) SPEAKS

Regarding the monument spoken of, I submit excerpts from the journal of Nellie Bennion, another loyal devoted and faithful pioneer who will celebrate her 100 birthday February 17, 1979.

"In 1939 to 1942 I had the most wonderful and inspiring experience of serving as Captain of the English Fort Camp of the Daughters of Utah Pioneer organization with Olivia Fitt of Taylorsville and Ruby Nichols of Bennion Ward as vice captains.

In honoring the faith and devotion of our Pioneers, we were privileged to place a Utah flag in the Plymouth school and the gathering and exhibiting of relics from the surrounding areas. From each pioneer home, rocks were gathered to be placed in the foundation of the forthcoming monument to be erected indicative of the solid foundation our pioneer forbears built for us."

The Monument now stands on the west front of the Taylorsville Cemetery approximately at 4500 South and Redwood Road on a small plot of land donated by Charles Kim and was dedicated by Israel Bennion in December of 1939.

The old English Fort spoken of, formally located approximately one-half mile northeast of the Taylorsville Cemetery, was built and erected for the purpose of protection from the Indians. Many faith promoting stories and experiences have been related by the early pioneers who lived in the Fort and who were instrumental in the construction and building of same.

Clyde Barker-Historian



The R R Museum committee who negotiated a better location for the display. (l to r) Oliver R. Smith, chairman, Milton V. Backman, Elmer B. Jones. Absent from the picture are Verl Dixon, Pres. Phil Robbins and John J. Nielsen.

# R R MUSEUM

## GAINS

## STATUS

### SUP RAILROAD MUSEUM

Oliver R. Smith, chairman of the new RR Museum committee, gave a background review of the museum giving credit to Horace and Ethel Sorensen.

He reported that agreement had recently been established to transfer the entire RR collection to the Utah State Park at Heber City at the state's expense. Maintenance and security for the equipment will be provided by the State Park in about a three acre piece of ground adjoining the Heber Creeper depot. Thousands more citizens will have easier access to it than in its former location at Corinne.

The action was ratified by the society officers who will carry the information to their chapters for general approval. However, this is still private, restricted information for SUP members only. Please do not report to the media any of the proposed data on the R R Museum transfer or on the possible construction of a new SUP headquarters.

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# HISTORY OF TAYLORSVILLE



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*Pioneer log cabins of the late 1800's*

Taylorsville had its beginning in 1848. In December of that year Joseph and Susana Harker came across the Jordan River to establish their home. They built a log home at a point south of 3500 South. On January 9, 1849 nine other families joined them and lived in dugouts made in clay banks near the river during that winter. The establishment was called "Over Jordan." In the spring the families tried to bring water onto the land but they were unsuccessful, so they moved farther south to a place called "Field Bottoms" opposite the mouth of Big Cottonwood Creek. Here they established homes from whipped sawed logs that had already served the same purpose twice before.

The first child in this area was born on June 5, 1849 to John and Esther Wainwright Bennion. She was named Rachel. In the fall of 1849 Joseph Harker, Samuel and John Bennion moved still farther south. Here they located more permanent homes. Other families were Thomas MacKay, William Blackhurst, John Robinson, Thomas Turbett, William Farrar, James Taylor, Jacob Butterfield, Robert Pixton, and William Fasset. In 1851 a canal was made bringing water to their farms which was later used as a mill race.

In 1853, at the request of

Brigham Young, a fort was built for protection from the Indians. The fort located just north of the Taylorsville Cemetery was used by most of the families. It covered two acres. Thick walls of rock and adobe surrounded them while adobe partitions separated dwellings that faced the central area where a room was built that served as a school and church. The fort was called "English Fort", but it was nicknamed "Fort Hardscrabble" because of the unproductive land. The fort was abandoned after five years.

Until the completion of the Rock School House in 1867 the school was held in the home of Joseph Harker and taught by Elizabeth Taylor, wife of President John Taylor.

In 1867 Archibald Frame Sr. built the Rock School House which was also used as a church and amusement hall.

In 1878 a new chapel was planned. It was to be 24 feet by 36 feet. It was built in 1894. The old Rock School House was sold to the school district and used as a school until the Plymouth School was built in 1906. The new chapel was located at 4800 South and 12th West. An amusement hall and classrooms were added to this building in 1909.

The pioneers in this area were organized into a ward in January, 1852 with John Robinson as Presiding Elder. The following year John Robinson was called on a mission to Nova Scotia and Counselors Harker and Williams took care of the ward during his absence, calling John Bennion to their assistance. The early

history of Bennion and Taylorsville is interwoven with that of West Jordan. In 1859 the West Jordan Ward included all of that part of Salt Lake County lying west of the river Jordan besides a small tract of land on the east side. A branch organization was held at North Jordan, now known as Taylorsville, with John Bennion as Presiding Elder. He acted under the direction of Bishop Archibald Gardner.

About this time a branch organized in Bennion. It was known as the South Taylorsville Branch. On June 17, 1877 the North Jordan or Taylorsville Branch was organized into a ward with Samuel Bennion as Bishop. In 1884 Granger ward was organized partly of the north portion of the North Jordan Ward (Taylorsville) this is now the Granger area. The remainder of Taylorsville area remained North Jordan Ward. The name Taylorsville came into popular use and in later history it has become its official name. South Taylorsville Branch was organized into Bennion Ward October 15, 1905 with Thomas Dimond as Bishop. An interesting note in Taylorsville history shows the ward membership in 1877 as 600 people and when they had their golden anniversary celebration the membership was still 600. Again in 1932 the membership was 600.

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W. Lowell Castleton

## VP Named

W. Lowell Castleton, an experienced administrator has been called to fill an unexpired term of R. Clay Allred, vice president on the national SUP board.

By no means is Brother Castleton new to the activities of this national society. In 1965 he served as president of the Salt Lake Chapter. Then he was a member of the life membership committee and met with the board for 2 or 3 years.

In April 1972 Lowell and his wife Laura were called to the mission field and directed activities at the Independence (Missouri) Visitors Center. From this assignment the Castletons were set apart as President and Matron of the Oakland Temple.

Lowell is currently a member of the board of directors of the Salt Lake Chapter. SUP appreciates having the experience and judgment of this gentleman as he takes office as national vice president.

R. Clay Allred of North Salt Lake resigned preparatory to receiving a call to serve a mission with his wife.



Earl J. Glade Jr. and wife Alice

## Glades Accept Mission Call

Earl J. Glade Jr., former member of the board of directors of the Brigham Young Chapter, has been called along with his wife Alice to serve in the Florida Tallahassee Mission of the Church.

Prior to entering the Missionary Training Center in late January he received special preparation at the Church Public Communications Office in Salt Lake City.

In his professional background Earl served 14 years with KSL Radio, 19 years with KBOI Radio and Television in Boise as general manager, and 10 years at Brigham Young University as director of broadcast services, including supervision of KBYU-FM and TV. For a number of years he has been executive director of the Utah Broadcasters Association and will be on leave from that position during the 18-month period of his mission.

Previous Church positions filled by Bro. Glade include ward bishop, high councilor, high priest group leader, and counselor in the Boise Stake presidency. Alice has served in auxiliary organization ward and stake positions.

- O.R.S.

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Ivan C. May

## Ivan C. May, Ogden Now on Mission

Dear Secretary:

My wife and I are fulfilling an 18 month LDS mission here in Texas. The membership renewal notice was forwarded. Please find enclosed check for 1979. Here is personal history you requested:

Ivan Clair May, was born 14 January, 1912 at Calls Fort, Utah (Harper Ward). My grandfather, James May, was an English convert and arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in 1852. He helped colonize the area where I was born, and was sent by the Brigham City Co-op to St. George to establish a cotton farm.

My father, Joseph Eugene May, homesteaded in Rockland Valley, Idaho. This was my home until my senior year in high school when I moved to Richmond, Utah where I graduated in the spring of 1930. I received my Bachelor's Degree from Utah State University in 1939, and have taught in the public schools of Utah, Idaho, and Washington with a major interest in music and administration.

I retired from the Ogden City Schools where I was serving as principal of the Grandview School in 1975.

In 1937 I married Elinor Fifield and we were blessed with eight children. She passed away in 1958. I am now married to Ruth L. Croff and we are presently serving an LDS mission in Texas.

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# Nauvoo/Salt Lake City Marathon Relay Run

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Distance of Run - approx. 1400 miles. Est'd. lapsed time - approx. 176 hours running. Delay time for Sunday layover - approx. 18 hours. Total lapsed time - approx. 194 hrs. = 8.1 days. Leave Nauvoo - Noon, Wed. May 23. Arrive "This Is The Place" monument (SUP New Home) 7:00 p.m. June 1, Brigham Young's birthday.

General chairman is Colonel Oliver R. Smith, immed. past pres. Proposed division supervisors are national vice president. Section chiefs are chapter presidents or their appointees.

The general chairman will be responsible for the organization and supervision of all activities over the entire course.

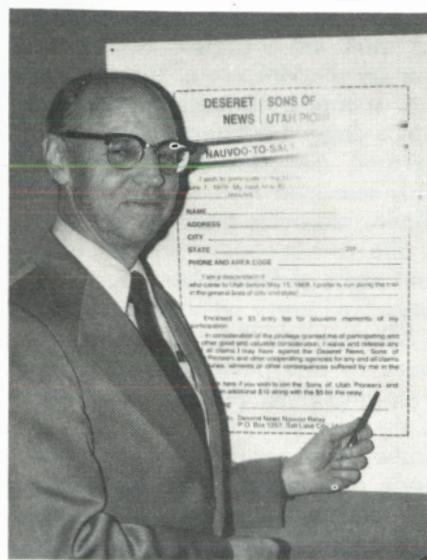
He will be assisted by division supers who will be assigned sections of the trail of approx. 175 miles, who will supervise section chiefs,

whose responsibility it will be to contact wards, stakes, districts or church members along the way to prepare programs, band concerts, or bally-hoo of some kind to provide fan-fare for the arrival and departure of runners in their particular town or area. They will also be responsible for the marking of trails and roads by stake, flag, flare, etc. as appropriate, and the arranging for Sheriff's escort through towns and congested areas, over a section of the trail of approx. 60 miles.

One chapter will be assigned the responsibility of obtaining a motor-home, with first-aid personnel, refreshments, drivers, etc. to escort the runners over the entire course.

Applications and registration and selection of runners will be handled by the *Deseret News* (Wendell J. Ashton, Production Mgr. and Past President S.U.P. 1947) as well as

T.V. and news media coverage.



Dr. Oliver R. Smith, chairman of arrangements for the *Deseret News*-SUP jointly sponsored marathon relay from Nauvoo to Salt Lake City.

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# "To Make An Egypt"

by *Rebecca Brown Burton*

The weather beaten faces staring in rapt attention at the figure of Parley P. Pratt in the firelight of the Brown's log cabin did not reflect the soft life of their eastern city-born counterparts. Chiseled into their blistered, frostbitten skin by the violence of the elements were lines of hardship, hollows of weariness, shadows of sorrow and tragedy; yet, stamped into each countenance was a dogged determination born of spiritual resources which had led each seasoned man to this humble abode, ten miles south of Salt Lake in the cottonwoods, on this bitter cold night of November 23, 1849. Only God knew what refiner's fires at Missouri and Nauvoo had brought them to this point in time. They were unpopular putty in the hands of the Almighty, molded to his particular and peculiar specifications, ready once again to do his will -- this time to explore the wild regions of the south country and find habitable area for the saints who would one day fill these valleys and mountains.

### JOHN BROWN A PROVEN LEADER

"Brethren," Brother Parley spoke, "it is the Lord's will that Captain Brown be in command of this expedition. As some of you might have heard on a recent occasion, President Young feels that new material should be introduced with caution -- that no doubt we have the men, but we don't know them . . . they are untried. Captain Brown's fame is legendary already, and as those, like my brother, Orson, will tell you, his devotion to truth, his obedience to the priesthood to the Lord for counsel qualifies him as no other."

Twenty-nine year old John Brown, lean as whipcord and of military bearing, turned in his chair. His expressive blue eyes flew quickly to his wife's, wondering if he would find a measure of censure there for this latest call. He'd only been home with her six weeks this time, but as their eyes locked, he saw only moistness and a deep pride shining through.

Driven by emotions stronger than words could express, he excused himself from the group as Brother Parley continued to assign the Captains of Tens and went to stand next to Elizabeth who was stoking up the fire. An intensely quiet and



*The author, Rebecca B. Burton, holding the winner's medal.*

private man on most occasions, he forgot the others and slipped his strong hands around her tiny waist. A becoming blush stained her cheeks and he kissed her on the neck, not only to thank her for preparing an outstanding meal in the finest of southern tradition for fifty starving men, but grateful beyond belief for her dedication to a way of life which had already buried their two babies. She was pregnant again, to their great joy, but as a man of vision and incredible experience, he knew anything could happen while he was away . . . she would be alone . . . again . . .

#### SACRIFICE WAS USUAL

"Try to get back before it's my time, Mr. Brown," she whispered softly, easing the burden of guilt he felt every time he had to leave her. . . and there had been many times. First, the mission to the southern

states, walking on foot among strangers without purse or script through Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and lastly Mississippi where he baptized over a hundred converts in less than two months. Then, less than a year later, he was called by the Twelve to work on the Temple in Nauvoo and contend with the mob who were threatening to destroy the saints. For many months he whittled and whistled thru the streets at night keeping everything in order, and then when it was possible to bring Elizabeth from Mississippi, it was decided in council that the saints would go West; but President Young told John to leave his family in Mississippi, as he was needed to help the camps from Nauvoo to go on the plains, on the Platte River, immediately. He didn't see his wife for seven months that trip, and when he arrived home in Mississippi the next November, he'd been there just three weeks when messengers from the Twelve at Council Bluffs arrived with instructions that he was to go with that expedition and be in charge. It meant starting out for Council Bluffs within the month, journeying over a thousand miles in winter to reach Winter Quarters where he took charge of 143 men and led them to Salt Lake, finally having a reunion with his wife thirteen months later, to find their baby gone . . . And two months later, another call to accompany saints to Salt Lake in Amasa Lyman's party. Throughout it all, Elizabeth had never complained. He swallowed hard and knew he must bow to the inevitable once again.

#### SPIRITUAL ASSETS

A higher power had taken hold of his life. It had been that way since his baptism and subsequent trip to Nauvoo to attend the first October conference of 1841 and witness the laying of the cornerstone of Nauvoo House. There were no words to

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(concluded)

describe the fire that quickened his soul as he was embraced for the first time by the Prophet Joseph. Pure knowledge filled his being that this mighty man had stood in the presence of the living God. From that moment, John's destiny was eternally sealed as the Prophet's brother, Hyrum, laid his hands on John's head to give him a patriarchal blessing and ordain him an Elder to go tell the world that the Gospel of Jesus Christ had been restored to the earth.

Much hardship and deprivation had gone on in eight years. John totally responded to the whisperings of the spirit and had come close to death many times in the interim; yet, tonight, as he stood with his arms around his wife, he knew a strong desire to live a long life as was promised by Hyrum Smith in that blessing. To start out charting unexplored, hostile wilderness with winter already in full force would be no small feat, as he better than any man alive knew . . . but these thoughts he kept to himself, not wishing to alarm Elizabeth. Little did he know that fear was one emotion his wife would not entertain on his behalf. Hunter, scout, man of God -- she'd endowed him with superhuman attributes, which he, in his great humility, would have denied. Because of her supreme faith in his marvelous abilities and in God, she always saw him off with a smile, absolutely certain of his return. That glorious smile was to haunt him six weeks later when their party found themselves snow bound in the mountains, unable to move the wagons further. They'd reached the present site of Saint George, camped along the Santa Clara, traded with Indians and found the California Road; now they were on their way back to Salt Lake, 319 miles away. Provisions were dangerously low, the men had frostbite, and six animals had given out. Leaving half the party with wagons and food, twenty-six of them headed out for Utah Fort, Brother Pratt going on ahead. It was a distance of 107 miles and an unknown route to all of them, but they were desperate!

Snow fell continuously . . . the night would bring temperatures of 30 below. John heard the clank of Brother Horn's shovel as they broke

*Captain John Brown arrived in Salt Lake Valley in 1847 with Brigham Young's party. He first came west in 1846 as a scout with the Missouri Saints. He filled three missions: England, New Orleans and Southern States. He crossed the plains thirteen times. Brother Brown belonged to the Nauvoo Legion and the Utah Militia. This busy man was a member of the Utah territorial legislature, Bishop in Pleasant Grove for 21 years, a Patriarch, and served with the Perpetual Emigration Fund. He was ordained an Elder by Joseph Smith and received a blessing from Hyrum Smith, brother of the Prophet.*

trail through the waist deep snow. The animals were too worried to cooperate. The work was so severe, even John could not go more than eight rods before giving out. When one of the horses pulled aside, John hastened to bring it back and was rewarded with a kick in the knee that sent him sprawling. The pain was so acute he lay unconscious for several seconds, and when he came to, knew his leg was useless and probably broken. He groaned as he thought of the others, starving, weary to exhaustion and anxious. They looked to him for decisions. Right now, they didn't look as if they could walk out of here alive, let alone carry him. He had to get back to Elizabeth!

### MIRACULOUS HEALING

"Merciful Father," he cried out to his maker, "It is up to thee, now," and calling to the others, asked for an administration. It was a sober little group that knelt around the crippled leader, invoking the Lord's blessing. It was an awe struck group that watched their infallible Captain spring to his feet, instantly, upon

receiving the blessing, never to feel the slightest pain for the remainder of the trip. The miraculous healing put a burning into their bosoms that lightened their footsteps and took them out of that endless white wilderness back to civilization. Their God walked with them!

A month later, in the intimacy of their home, Elizabeth's cheeks glistened with tears as she listened to her sweetheart pour out his soul, giving her the first real inkling of his vulnerability and what it meant to be a true servant of the Almighty . . .

*"When the world kicked us out into these deserts to perish, we dropped into these valleys and made our own Egypt out of nothing!"*

*-John Brown, Pioneer*

(John Brown was my great grandfather who now rides in the big chariot, stands next to Pharaoh and is a savior in his Father's House. Rebecca Hyde Brown Burton.)

## Can You Locate Missing Magazines?

John J. Nielsen, executive secretary SUP, reports that he is unable to find any bound copies of *The Pioneer* magazine for the period 1939 to 1949. Also needed are any issues from 1950 to 1955.

The Department of Development Services for the State of Utah has also requested SUP publications during the above periods in order to complete its files.

If you have any of the above publications, please get in touch with Secretary Nielsen at SUP headquarters.

Keep in mind that the SUP magazine went under different names for different periods of time.

## Brigham Young Chapter Officers

At the annual meeting of the Brigham Young Chapter, Provo held December 7, the new officers to lead the Chapter in 1979 were elected, and they are: Leland M. Perry, immediate past president; Lowell Woodward, president - 1979; Dr. Ferrell W. Lewis, president-elect; John F. Jones, secretary/treasurer; Edwin Theobald, 2nd vice president; Reuben D. Law, member of the board; H. Alvah Fitzgerald, member of the board; Murwin Bradfield, member of the board.

## East Mill Creek

The new officers for the East Mill Creek Chapter for 1979 are: Lothaire R. Rich, president; Elbert Thompson, president-elect; John J. Nielsen, past president; Carl A. Quist, 1st vice president; Lynn G. Garff, 2nd vice president. Directors are Elmo S. Poulson, Richard B. Kennedy, Elmo Pack and Wallace Bates.

Attending the December Christmas dinner and installation of the new officers were 174 members and partners on December 18. Included in this group were 21 guests.

Twelve new life membership certificates were presented. EMC chapter now has 45 life members out of a total of 98 members.

The Allegro Chorus entertained with outstanding and appropriate music at the Distinctive Catering banquet hall. This striking ladies chorus was organized in 1935 and their present director, Burt Keddington, has directed the group for 30 years. The wives of two EMC members (Kennedy and Poulson), sing with the chorus.

Almost every month the group provides music for at least 2 Sacrament meetings. In addition, the 55 member choral group entertain at special functions for club and service organizations. The East Mill Creek chapter salutes these mothers who live in our neighboring communities from the Point of the Mountain to Bountiful.

-by John J. Nielsen

# CHAPTER

## Salt Lake Chapter Elects

President, Herald L. Carlston; first vice president, Vaughan J. Wimmer; second vice president, Evan P. Wright; third vice president, John C. Jenkins; secretary-treasurer, Max Larkin; recording secretary, C. N. Ottosen.

Board of Directors are: Knight B. Kerr, Joseph T. Lindsey, Wilford L. Payne, Bertram Willis, Lowell Castleton and George E. Hinckley.

## Ogden Pioneer Chapter

(Meets 2nd Friday, 12 noon  
Mansion House.)

President, George F. Larkin; pres.-elect, Wilford G. Fowers; vice pres., James L. Jacobs.

## Buena Ventura

(Meets 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.  
Old R.R. Station, Layton.)

President, Alfred Geo. Woodland; 1st vice pres., Leonard Blackner; 2nd vice pres., Andrew E. Schow; sec.-treas., Ray Knowles; historian, Thomas Wall; chaplain, Elias D. Dawson.

## Jefferson Hunt Chapter

President, Burns Wangsgaard; vice president, Ardell Hunt.

## Mount Ogden Chapter

(Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m.,  
Mansion House.)

President, Ben Plowgian; 1st vice president, Raymond Knowles; 2nd vice president, Floyd Seager.

## Correction

J. Wayne Johnson, 1978 president of Box Elder Chapter at Brigham City was a very effective committee-man for the 1978 SUP Encampment at Logan. Because he was out of state during the convention, he was not included in the published picture of the committee. Nevertheless, *The Pioneer* wants him to know that his efforts in the plans and preparation were much appreciated.

## Harold L. Pope Leads South Davis

Harold L. Pope became the president of the South Davis chapter for the year 1979. He was installed at the conclusion of the dinner meeting held December 20 in the Pine Room of Servus Drug. The retiring president, Haven R. Birmingham, became past president.

The other officers are: Gordon B. Pace president-elect, Burns S. Hansen first vice president, Clifford L. Olsen second vice president, Weldon Jensen and Roger Sears 2-year directors, Clifford B. Goodfellow and Dean Holbrook 1-year directors. Charles N. Barlow became secretary with Lawrence Briggs treasurer, and C. Douglas Barnes historian.

C. Lloyd Walch and Horace P. Beesley became life members of S.U.P. bringing the total in this category for the chapter to fourteen.

Program chairman J. Glenn Burdett introduced Donald Becker who had arranged a delightful musical program. Don, a well known baritone, a member of the Tabernacle Choir and of the Utah Opera Company, brought an associate soloist. Eugene Bigler, a noted tenor, sang O Holy Night and Lullaby And Goodnight.

Don Becker, in excellent voice, sang a medley of old-time Christmas songs, then ended his solo presentation with two of his favorite numbers: Christmas Bells, composed by a friend of Yesteryear, and Were You There On That Christmas Night?. The latter song reportedly is to be used by the Tabernacle Choir in its network broadcast. Mr. Becker finally led the guests in community singing of Christmas carols which, he suggested, sounded like a choir.

Judy Christiansen was the able accompanist for this program.

Table decorations, in Christmas motif, were provided by June and Glenn Burdett.

This concluded a most successful year of activity for the Sons of Utah Pioneers, South Davis chapter.

Submitted by C. Douglas Barnes,  
chapter historian

# NEWS

## Sierra Chapter

The Sierra Chapter held its first meeting of the New Year on Thursday, 18 January 1979 at Buffee's Buffet. The program included installation of officers, a brief review of our activities for the year 1978, and our featured speaker, Fay L. Johnson, told about the Mormon Colonies in Mexico where he was born and raised. Brother Johnson is a member of our chapter.

Our last meeting included a Christmas party and was an outstanding success. Everyone who attended was enthusiastic about it. A real sense of comraderie prevailed throughout the evening. Max and Maurine Smart were our hosts, and we again thank them for their hospitality in opening their home for this occasion. They also provided the entertainment. Rumors have it that our Christmas party will be an annual affair in the future.

We look forward to the new year with anticipation that our organization will grow and become more meaningful in the lives of its members. We truly feel that the aims and objectives of the organization are extremely worthwhile. As Goethe reflects in his *EPHIGENIE*--

Happy is he who pleasantly  
remembers his fathers,  
Who cheerfully entertains his  
guests with tales  
Of their deeds, their greatness;  
and silently rejoicing,  
Sees himself joined to the end  
Of this splendid line . . .

Newly-elected officers for the Sierra Chapter for the year 1979 are: president, Nephi R. Hacken; president-elect, Ralph D. Bird; vice president, Francis H. Leavitt; secretary, Jack Wittwer; treasurer, Don J. Thurman; chaplain, I. Homer Smith. An historian will be appointed later.

The board members re-elected were the following: Ivan Anderson, Grant Ursenbach, Duane Ford, Gil Holland, Ben Lofgren and Evan Perkins. Two additional board members will be added later.

Our monthly dinner meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Buffee's Buffet at 7:00 p.m.

## Cedar City

As the year 1978 has drawn to a close it seems fitting that we do a little reflecting on our years activities. We of the Cedar City Chapter had an enjoyable year and much to be thankful for. Most of our members also belong to the Iron County Chapter of the Utah Historical Society so some of our events have included both groups.

The Sons and Daughters were instrumental in saving a bit of history when they got permission from the City Council to retain the name of "Old Fort Road." In the expanding of new industry in the area the road had become known as "Industrial Road," which would have blotted out all recognition of the Old Fort, the home of the Iron Workers who brought Cedar City into existence in the first place. The street sign will read: *OLD FORT ROAD* or *INDUSTRIAL ROAD*. The S.U.P. helped to bring about the success of the 127th Anniversary of the settling of Cedar November 11th in placing a monument at the site of the Iron Foundry on Coal Creek where the first iron ore was smelted west of the Mississippi River. The dedication took place in a rain storm. The Sons and Daughters held a public meeting in the Rock Church following the dedication.

In April we took a trip to Lehman Caves where we marveled at the wondrous formations within the cave and ate our lunch in the picnic area. We then went to Eskdale, Nevada, a town near Lehman Caves, where a group known as the Sons of Levi explained their belief and way of life, which we found informative and interesting.

In May we took a trip to Escalante, and had the pleasure of having Edison Alvey take us through his museum of relics and Indian artifacts, then on to the beauty of Calf Creek for picture-taking and lunch in the well-equipped picnic area. For some of the participants it was their first trip over the Hogs Back on our way to Boulder where State Ranger, Larry Davis, made us welcome to the Anasazi Museum and diggins. The trip was enhanced with the explanation of the geographical formations along the way by Professor Blair

Maxfield.

In October the Sons did some repari work on one of the coke ovens at Iron Town. The workers, wives and friends relished a delicious luncheon prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cardon and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dotson.

February 8, life member Lanell Lunt and wife Lucy celebrated their Golden wedding, fifty years of happy married life. May 10, Alva and Zella Matheson celebrated their Golden Wedding day, Alva's 75th birthday and the birth of their 17th grandchild.

Our meeting in December was for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and was in the form of a bread and milk supper at the college cafeteria. The group was honored with the presence of President Phil Robbins and his lovely wife.

We had some wonderful experiences during the year, and some sorrows in the death of three of our staunch members; Don Draper, Haldow Christensen and Walter K. Granger. Our 1978 Past president, Roe Palmer, had the misfortune of a broken leg in a car accident but has made a satisfactory recovery.

We are now looking forward to the national convention and the excursion to Hole-in-the-Rock, which has special meaning for us because Pioneers from Iron County were among those who made the perilous journey to San Juan.

-Alva Matheson, historian

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Dr. Theris P. Astle, Logan, (right) is shown presenting plaques to two members of his (Temple Fork) chapter in recognition of their becoming Life Members of SUP. Receiving the awards are Sylvester Anderson (left) and D. Wesley Reese.

### Temple Fork Chapter Recaps Years Events

At our monthly meeting in September President Merlin Kendrick recounted the years activities and outlined the remaining events.

January was inauguration month. New officers were installed: Merlin Kendrick, president; Hyrum Ward, vice president; Dr. Theris Astle, president-elect.

In February we held our annual Valentine dinner.

Each year in April we have our annual bread and milk supper. This has a long history with the chapter.

In May the chapter entered a float in the Health Days Parade in Smithfield. Our float won first place and was under the direction of Hyrum Ward and Sylvester Anderson. The float was also entered July 4th in the parade in Lewiston, and on July 24th in the Mendon Pioneer Days parade.

We met at High Creek in the Cache National Forest for an overnight encampment in July. Formerly the overnight encampment was held on the Temple Fork of the Logan River but due to the condition of the roads and distance involved the site at High Creek was selected.

In August we co-sponsored with Box Elder chapter the National Encampment at the USU campus in Logan. We were honored to have Sylvester and Arlene Anderson chosen as the outstanding couple of S.U.P.

During November we will hold

chapter elections. A special Christmas program and dinner will take place in December.

President Kendrick congratulated all chapter members for their support and expressed thanks to the board members for a job well done. Dr. Theris Astle, life-membership chairman was congratulated for his efforts in recruiting life members. Temple Fork had more life members reported than any other chapter in the national society.

- Carl V. Larson



G. Lloyd Hobbs, 90

Former Chaplain, B.Y. Chapter

## 90th Birthday

George Lloyd Hobbs of Provo was honored for his 90th birthday Monday, Jan. 1, at his home, 892 N. University Ave.

He was born Jan. 2, 1889 in Nephi to George Brigham and Julia M. Broadhead Hobbs. He married Jennie V. Malmgren of Levan on Sept. 27, 1911 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple, and she died last April. They had been married for 66 years.

Mr. Hobbs' early life was spent with his father working and learning the carpentry business. In addition, he and his father surveyed all of eastern Juab County for oil speculators in 1904.

He worked as a well driller during that period around Juab and Chase's Ranch. In 1913 he and his father built a well driller which was used to drill most of the water wells between Levan and Starr's Ranch.

With his father he built the Levan Plaster Mill and Sigard Plaster Mill, and later Mr. Hobbs built many homes and barns in Nephi. He became a contractor and built bridges.

Other projects he completed were the Lemington School house, an addition to Spanish Fork High School and an addition to the Nephi LDS South Ward Chapel.

In 1940 he went to work as a foreman at Geneva Steel Plant near Orem, and three years later began working for the Brigham Young University physical plant. He worked there until retiring at the age of 72.

Mr. Hobbs has a carpentry shop where he builds frames and toys for his great-grandchildren. His present hobby is making frames for a collection of tools he has assembled from his grandfather's and father's carpentry shops.

He and his wife traveled extensively, and attended the dedications of the Los Angeles, Oakland and London Temples.

Mr. Hobbs' three children are Mrs. Morris (Beth) Taylor of Hyde Park, Cache County; L. Gordon Hobbs of Norwalk, Calif., and Mrs. Duke (Joanna) Majors, Pleasant Grove. He also has 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

## San Diego Member Is Enthusiastic

Sons of Utah Pioneers  
Attention: John J. Nielsen

Dear Mr. Nielsen:

Thank you for answering my letter regarding a local chapter in San Diego. I am delighted to know we can have a chapter in San Diego. I am sure we can over-subscribe the number necessary by a wide margin. Those to whom I have talked are anxious to become part of the organization. Mainly I have got my family to sign up and am enclosing a check covering ten members of my own family, which are sons and grandsons of mine.

I am sure that the ten dollar fee is so reasonable that it won't be a deterrent to our having a full compliment of members. We will let all the stake presidents and bishops etc. know about our plans. George Bascom and Keith Sears and Brother Carr are all friends of mine and I will work with them to help this new chapter along.

Thanks again for your correspondence and I look forward to more association with you.

Respectfully,  
Cecil I. Birmingham



Henry Peterson, Banquet speaker at Officers Seminar.

### Sierra Chapter

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION:**  
The officers and Board of Directors assembled in a special meeting on November 3 at President Hacken's to meet with SUP National President, Phil Robbins. President Robbins apprised us of new developments in the National organization.

## 88 New Life Members in 1978

The last listing of life members was published in the September-October, 1978 issue of *The Pioneer*.

Due to the recent announced increase in dues, effective January 1, 1979, a surge of life memberships has ensued.

Since January 1, 1978, 88 new nameplates have been added to the large honor plaques, including numbers 253 to 340.

Congratulations to the following new "Lifers:" George F. Parry, Edgar H. White, Sterling H. Nelson, John C. Beynon, Wesley T. Osguthorpe, Mark B. Ross, Albert Eccles, Welby K. Johnson.

Joseph G. Jeppson, Herbert B. Maw, R. B. Maw, Wendell J. Ashton, Norman G. Berndt, Ted M. Wheat, Henry Hart, Sylmar G. Jessop, Thomas Foster Greenwood, Horace P. Beesley.

C. Lloyd Walch, Roald Amundsen, Lou Henroid, Elmo S. Poulsen, Paul Symkoviak, Alan S. Young, Albert B. Harris, Clifford E. Conklin, Fred M. Newson, Elmo Pack.

Lorenzo F. Hansen, Joseph Earl Wood, Elmo C. Higginson, David Oman Martin, Robert M. Simonsen, C. Vern Yates, Richard B. Kennedy, Gale F. Hammond, James K. Allen, Melvin C. Cannon.

Jess L. Crookston, James W. Johnson, E. Devere Miner, Merrill Ray Page, Garth C. Page, Wallace W. Bates, Ray Alston, Guy Anderson, William F. Edwards, S. Elliot Budge.

Vasco M. Tanner, Aura C. Hatch, Reuben D. Law, Grant Ekins, Russel R. Rich, James L. Jacobs, Leonard B. Fox, Haven R. Birmingham, J. Stanley Humphrey, Harold L. Pope.

Melvin Rodgers, J. Sterling Merrell, Wayne L. Shaw, Jerald E. Christiansen, Carroll I. Draper, Theodore D. Horman, Dennis B. Horman, Douglas D. Horman, Lincoln Jensen, Owen E. Andrus.

Dilworth H. Marchant, Cleve H. Milligan, Kenneth Carter, R. Gerald Pixton, C. Bicknell Robbins, Clinton P. Mott, Veloy H. Butterfield, Lawrence W. Singleton and Vince R. Houtz, Delon Hunsaker, William R. Egbert.

### Chapter Efforts Noted

Chapter progress in acquiring Life Members in 1978 is shown below:

East Mill Creek	16
Sugar House	14
Temple Fork	18
Brigham Young	10
South Davis	7
Members at Large	4
Holladay	3
Salt Lake Pioneer	3
Temple Quarry	3
Canyon Rim/Heritage	1
Box Elder	1
Ogden Pioneer	1
Lehi	1
Mount Ogden	2
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# THE FIRST CHRISTMAS IN UTAH

*A talk delivered before the Canyon Rim/Heritage Chapter SUP*

by Clinton P. Mott

It's a pleasure to take us back this evening to walk among a sturdy little band of pioneers here in the Great Salt Lake Valley, 129 years ago, as they celebrated their first Christmas in Utah.

**Celebrated?** The term "celebrated" hardly fits as we think of the celebrating we do today at Christmastime.

In Utah? Why it wasn't even Utah in those days. It was Indian territory.

And what were a group of dignified, responsible citizens doing out in this barren wilderness anyhow?

I thought it would be rather easy to handle this assignment. I'd get someone who had a literary or acting talent and "delegate." But you know, there aren't any in the Valley who have done this before, at least not to my knowledge.

So undaunted I went to the Church Historical Department and said, "Tell me what you know about the first Christmas in Utah."

They replied, "You mean the second and later Christmases in Utah when there were bright social parties and Brigham Young and Heber Kimball were here and records were kept? Or maybe you would like to know about the first Christmas of the Saints in Winter Quarters. We have records there."

Well, second and later Christmases weren't the first Christmas, and Winter Quarters wasn't exactly here, so I said, "Thank you very much. Merry Christmas,"-- and headed for the Utah State Historical Society. There I obtained some old newspapers in which a few of the original pioneers had told fragments of their story from their memories. These and reference to the book "The Great Basin Kingdom" by Leonard Arrington form the thread of my story.

Incidentally, it's appropriate that there aren't any records of the first Christmas in Utah for several reasons. For one thing, they didn't have the time or the means to celebrate. Their principal job was simply to survive that first winter. And their records

were church records . . . who was bishop and when meetings were held.

Will you come back with me to Saturday, December 25, 1847, and meet some of the 1681 persons who spent Christmas huddled together in the Old Fort.

The Old Fort? Never heard of that? It was an adobe fort built where Pioneer Park is now located down near the Rio Grande Depot. There weren't any city blocks with their eight-rod wide streets until years later. The Old Fort enclosed rows of log cabins backed up to its walls, and its purpose was to keep out the Indians and trappers who might wander by from time to time.

Let's look inside the Old Fort. There must have been toys and Christmas trees with bright lights and kids making merry. Right?

Wrong. Oh, there were 558 children alright, and kids will be kids; but there was no organized merriment. The key word that winter day was work. Morning, noon, and night--work, work, and work. And everyone able must do his assignment.

What, no special recognition given to the birth of the Savior? After all, this was a spiritual group of Saints and a vanguard of His church. No, this was a day to keep working for there was much to do. Tomorrow was the Sabbath, a day for partial rest. There were no holiday celebrations--Saturday was just another day of work. There was some little rejoicing in each family, but apparently precious little could be done.

They were all living cooperatively so there was no place to go shopping. And that was in the days before Christmas tree lights were invented.

What about festive lights? Sorry, no oil. The only recognition of the special nature of Christmas was a

big bonfire of sagebrush they had especially gathered that morning, and they sang a few songs inside their cabins.

What songs did they sing? Well, it isn't recorded, but we're sure it wasn't "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," or "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" because these weren't composed until eight years later. Their recollection says they sang "Come Come Ye Saints".

How about life that day inside the Old Fort? The primary problem of wives and mothers was keeping a well, happy family and a clean home in spite of dirt floors and roofs that leaked from melting snow and rain. There was frequent mention of water and mud on floors . . . and of cold and hunger and being tired and weary.

When these wonderful women were thus engaged, what was father and big brother doing? Well there were cows to be milked, sheep to be herded, chickens to be tended, fences to be built, crops to be cultivated, including potatoes, corn, oats, buckwheat, beans, turnips, and garden seeds.

Everyday there were rules to be followed. A time to arise, pray and commence work. A manner of security and care of guns. There was a carefully regulated length of noon hour. A time for evening prayer and retirement. And there was specified punishment for cussing, swearing, and beating the animals.

There were 11 miles of fences to put up to contain cattle, winter wheat to be tended, bridges and grinding mills and saw mills to be built. And streams and creeks and mountain tops to be explored and named.

A bridge was built across what is now Mill Creek. It was named "Mill Creek" after John Neff constructed the first mill to grind flour near the stream and used the water to operate his mill.

Did I say Brigham Young wasn't there? That's right. He arrived on July 24 with the Advance Company, (concluded on page 18)

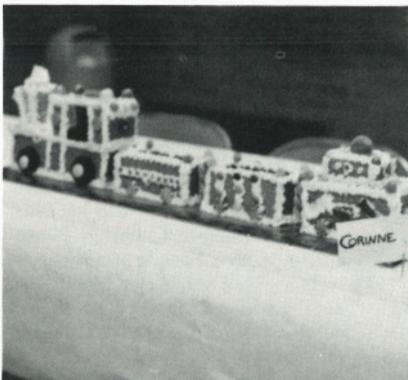
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*Mrs. Phil (Bernice) Robbins and daughter Suzanne Kennedy made some clever table decorations which depicted major projects for SUP.*

*Two shown below illustrate the RR Museum transfer from Corinne to Heber, and the trek to the Escalante Encampment.*



There is renewed activity along the trail these days, according to J. C. Richards, Utah Division Commander, who reports that 52 new applications arrived from San Diego requesting membership.

Col. Elmer B. Jones will take a delegation with him and meet again with the Mormon Battalion descendants at their annual gathering in San Diego on January 27.

February 15th is the 100th birthday for Leo Hunsaker of Clearfield. He is the son of a member of the original MB. Several men in uniform will visit him again on that special day to honor him.

Congratulations to William Farris of El Centro, Calif. for mailing and printing a newsletter relating to Battalion activities to the people in

his area. It contains interesting material and tells of overnight hikes along the original battalion trail to achieve Scout merit badges.



*Captain George R. Bascom  
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## FIRST CHRISTMAS IN UTAH

said, "This is the place," and returned in August to Winter Quarters. And rightly so.

You remember the Prophet was martyred on June 27, 1844, and the Saints were driven from Nauvoo in February, 1846 when 16,000 left the "City of Joseph" in the dead of winter to cross the Mississippi on ice and in ferries with 3000 wagons, 30,000 head of cattle, a "great number" of horses, and "numerous" sheep. They had lost much when leaving their nice homes, but all they had they consecrated to the Lord. Their combined means was placed at the disposal of a committee of the Camp of Israel with Brigham Young as spiritual--and temporal leader. Quite a responsibility. Their exodus to the West required superior organization, and they needed a strong leader. He would return to the Great Salt Lake Basin the following year to lead the great westward epoch in Mormon pioneer history.

But let us return to the Old Fort for one last look around. There were 29 log houses 8 feet high, 16 feet long and 14 feet wide built by the first group. When the main body of 1500 Saints arrived in September 1847 they added to the Fort and built 450 more log cabins huddled against the adobe walls. They added roads outside and bridges across the Jordan River, City Creek Canyon and Mill Creek. Fortunately, it was a mild winter as Stake President John Smith wrote in his report.

The cricket and seagull miracle didn't happen until the following fall, but there were adequate crickets and rattlesnakes for those living in the Old Fort. Let me quote one

impression of the crickets . . .

"Wingless, dumpy, black, swollen-headed, with bulging eyes in cases like goggles, mounted upon legs of steel wire and clock-spring, and with a general personal appearance of cross between a spider and a buffalo."

As these hardy pioneers ate their Christmas meal of bread and boiled rabbit, and enjoyed their daily allotment of one-half pound of flour, thistle tops, berries, bark, roots, and Sego Lilly bulbs, mothers must have told their children the ageless story of the birth of the Christ child. Each family probably recalled the customs and Christmas folklore of their native countries and spoke of memories of a simpler and happier time.

But in all this I am sure they took comfort in knowing that this was Zion and this was the start of the gathering. They were safe to worship their God, a long way from the oppression and persecution still so vivid in their minds . . . and in spite of all their present suffering, as they looked at the stars they knew in their hearts that Christ was born in a manger 1900 years ago and He lives and watched over them this very day-- the first Christmas in Utah.

### Stephen Roy Chipman

Stephen Roy Chipman, 95, died Nov. 22, 1978, in a local nursing home of causes incident to age. He was a former resident at 2505 Douglas St.

Born April 7, 1883, American Fork, Utah, to Stephen D. and Alminda Chipman. Married Effie Harvey Nov. 7, 1906, in the Salt Lake Temple. She died June 13, 1959. Married Alverda Lutz Spence March 2, 1962, in Salt Lake City. She died Dec. 11, 1974. Active member LDS Church, serving in many organizations and a mission to the western states. Member of the Tabernacle Choir for four years and Swanee Male Chorus for 26 years. Graduate of Brigham Young University. Active member of the Mormon Battalion and Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Survivors: children, Reese H., Escondido, Calif.; Mrs. Lucile C. Turner, Las Vegas, Nev.; and Mrs. Charles J. (Kathryn) Wyant, Salt Lake City; step-daughter, Mrs. Juanita P. Perkes, Tooele; six grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and three step great-grandchildren; a brother, Harold Chipman, Payson, Utah.

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## Chapter Eternal



**Darol Rasmussen**

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Darol Rasmussen, 83, former member of the Temple Quarry and South Davis chapters, died 9 Nov. 1978 after a long illness. He was born 21 July 1895 at Fairview, Utah, to Jacob and Sarah Rebecca Howell Rasmussen.

Married Katherine Bowen 24 Aug. 1917 in the Salt Lake Temple. She died 10 Jan. 1962. He married Luella Ford Call on 17 March 1967 in the S.L. Temple.

Mr. Rasmussen served in the bishopric of the Moroni West Ward and the Ephraim North Ward. Served a mission to Northern California 1963-65. Then he and his wife Luella served a mission at Cumorah 1969-71. Then they became Temple workers.

He was a gifted genealogy researcher, and a Scout leader. A veteran of World War I. He worked for the D and RG Railway for 50 years.

He is survived by a large family of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, as well as brothers and sisters.

### Glade Allred

When sorrow comes as sorrow must, all that can help are time and trust. Time the great healer of grief and sorrow, and trust in a thought of a brighter tomorrow. Life is not a goblet to be drained, it is a measure to be filled, as exemplified in the life of a former member-Glade Allred.

Brother Allred was active in the Church as missionary, bishop's counselor, stake Sunday school board member and stake high councilman.

He was retired as the State Executive Director of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Was awarded the grade of "Fellow" of the Soil Conservation Society of America for outstanding service to the Utah Chapter and National Society. He was president of the chapter for 2 terms. Many friends and associates were saddened by his passing on February 25, 1978. Sincere sympathy is extended to his lovely wife Verna and three sons: John, James and Dale.

# Chapter Eternal



Don Mack Dalton

## Don Mack Dalton

Don Mack Dalton, 83, 1395 N. 100 E., Pleasant Grove, died Jan. 6, 1979, Salt Lake City.

Born May 12, 1895, Manassa, Colo., to John Crammer and Hannah Daphne Smith Dalton. Married Myrtle Geneve Jorgensen Dec. 28, 1917, in the Manti LDS Temple. Was an active member LDS Church.

Was a high priest in the Manila 2nd Ward. Served two missions: to the Central States and the Eastern States. Served 6 1/2 years as president of the South African mission. Was an attorney at law for 45 years, practicing in Salt Lake City and American Fork. Was a former commissioner of the State Bar Association of Utah. Served in the Burton Ward bishopric. Was former president of the Timpanogos Stake High Priest Quorum and was instructor in the high priest group in the Manila 2nd Ward. Was a veteran WWI. Was past commander of Post No. 70 of the American Legion. Served as president of the Pleasant Grove Lion's Club. Active in sports, particularly in boxing and baseball. Lifelong close friend of Jack Dempsey. Was called the father of baseball in South Africa where he introduced the sport. Was active in trips around the world.

Survivors: widow, Pleasant Grove; two sons and one daughter, Gerald J. Dalton, Kaysville; George E., Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., Mrs. Stanford K. (Geneve) Johns, Salt Lake City; eight grandchildren.

Burial Lehi City Cemetery.

(Mr. Dalton was a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for many years. As president of the Jesse N. Smith family organization he cooperated with the Parowan chapter and national board SUP in restoring the Pioneer Home.

For more interesting details on Mack's boxing experience, see article in *The Pioneer*, Sept.-Oct. 1975 re Jack Dempsey, p.5,12, 13. *Editor's note.*)

## Wilford Woodruff Gardner

Wilford Woodruff Gardner died Nov. 14, 1978. He was born May 17, 1885, in West Jordan, Utah to Archibald and Mary Larsen Gardner. Spent his childhood in Afton, Wyoming, where his father settled and built saw and flour mills. Attended Utah State College at Logan, and received his B.S. degree. He also attended the Oregon State College at Corvallis, Oregon, where he received his Master's degree. He was an instructor of Civil Engineering at that college. He was Assistant State Road Engineer for six years for the Utah State Road Commission. He is a former member of Rotary Club, The Knife and Fork Club, Salt Lake Country Club, University Club, Fort Douglas Club, Sons of Utah Pioneers. He married Tess Butler in Dec. 1914. She died March 31, 1976. They had 3 children, Mrs. Keith E. (Tess) Sorensen, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Patrick H. (Gloria) Fenton, Cedar City; and Wilford B., who preceded him in death. Also 12 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren. His father was an 1847 pioneer and he is the last living child.

Interment, Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park.

## Elven Earnest Hardy

Elven Earnest Hardy, 62, 1312 Stewart St., died Dec. 16, 1979, in Salt Lake City.

Born March 31, 1916, Mount Emmons, Duchesne County, to Joel B. and Dortha Babcock Hardy. Married Audry McMillan Jan. 6, 1944, Salt Lake City. Served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. Resident of Salt Lake City for 34 years. Member of Cannon 8th LDS Ward. Carpenter, cabinet maker and worked in pre-fab steel manufacturing. Life member of Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

Survivors: wife, Salt Lake City; son, Wallen J., two daughters, Patricia L. and Annette D., all Salt Lake City; two grandchildren; two brothers, DeLoys J., Helper; Lee C., Salt Lake City; sister, Reva Estigoy, Salt Lake City.

Interment in Gunnison, Utah, Cemetery.

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## W. Clell Jackson

Funeral services for W. Clell Jackson, 69, Lehi, who died Nov. 2, 1978 in a Salt Lake City hospital, were held in the Lehi Second Ward Chapel.

Mr. Jackson was born Sept. 5, 1909 in Lehi, a son of Elmer and Juliet Peterson Jackson. He married Jeanne Coleman on Sept. 10, 1936 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Active in the LDS Church he served in the Second Ward Bishopric for seven years, was Sunday School superintendent, M-Men president, ward clerk and Provo Temple worker. He was a high priest at the time of his death.

Mr. Jackson was president of the Lehi Silver Band Wagon for 25 years and a member of the Lions Club for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. William H. (Eles) Adams, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Kurt Michael (Merrilyn) Lloyd, Bountiful; two sisters, Mrs. Jack (Beth) Sanger and Mrs. Mildred Wilkinson both of Salt Lake City; and seven grandchildren.

## Dr. William Miller

(*Ogden Standard-Examiner*)

Dr. William P. Miller was a scholar, a leader and, above all, an educator.

His death Nov. 6 at 71 is a blow to the entire community and, particularly to Weber State College where he served as president from 1953 to 1972 during its period of amazing growth.

During his lifetime, "Bill" Miller generously shared his busy hours and his many talents with the students he supervised as a teacher, superintendent, principal and college president.

He expressed his philosophy in a *Standard-Examiner* interview on Sept. 4, 1953, a few hours after he was selected to succeed Dr. Henry Aldous Dixon as head of Weber College, then a two-year school.

"I am firmly convinced that schools, from the first grade up, must never forget that the students they teach will be the American citizens of a later day," he said. "That's just as important as the academic side of education."

Dr. Miller's outstanding career was traced in an editorial published in this space just a week ago today, commending the appropriateness of the naming of the WSC administration building in his honor.

Most of all, William Miller enjoyed being with his wife - Mary Wilcox Miller, also a native of Syracuse and his boyhood sweetheart - and their five daughters, along with their growing family of grandchildren.

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